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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES
REGION 8 (NEW YORK – METROPOLITAN AREA) PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMITTEES TO HOLD 700 MHZ REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING
AND 800 MHZ NPSPAC REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING MEETINGS

Gen. Docket No. 91-43

The Region 8 (New York – Metropolitan area)<sup>1</sup> Public Safety Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) will hold two consecutive planning meetings on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the 700 MHz Public Safety RPC will convene at the New Jersey Transit, 1 Penn Plaza 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, Newark, New Jersey 07105.

The agenda for the 700 MHz meeting includes:

- Review and approval of the February 24, 2009 meeting agenda
- Review and approval of the December 16, 2008 meeting report
- State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC Reports):
  - New York State (Vinnie Stiles)
  - o New Jersey (Jody Nestor)
- Working Group activities:
  - 4.9 GHz Working Group (Mr. Felix Melendez)
  - o Letter requesting licensees in Region 8 to provide technical data
  - o Status of 4.9 GHz licensees database effort

700 MHz Working Group (Travis LePage)

- o Region 8 700 MHz Plan approval update
- o Region 8 to Region 28 700 MHz Plan concurrence update
- New business and opportunity for comments
  - o National Regional Planning Council (NRPC)
  - o Schedule next meeting

Immediately following the 700 MHz Public Safety RPC meeting, the 800 MHz Public Safety RPC will convene at the same location

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Region 8 (New York – Metropolitan area) consists of Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, and Westchester Counties, New York; and Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, Warren, Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer, and Monmouth Counties, New Jersey.

The agenda for the 800 MHz meeting includes:

- Review and approval of the February 24, 2009 meeting agenda
- Review and approval of the December 16, 2008 meeting report
- Old Business
  - o Update on 800 MHz Rebanding activities (Ray Simonetti)
  - o Update on Middlesex County application status (Joe Yurman)
  - o Port Authority STA and authorization application status (Maribel Martinez-Bradwell)
  - Window 8 status (New York State SWN representative)
- New business and opportunity for comments
  - National Regional Planning Council (NRPC)
  - Schedule next meeting

Both of the Region 8 Public Safety RPC meetings are open to the public. It is essential that public safety agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal, and non-governmental organizations eligible under Section 90.523 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 90.523, be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz, 4.9 GHz and 800 MHz bands within Region 8 should plan to attend. For further information, please contact:

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